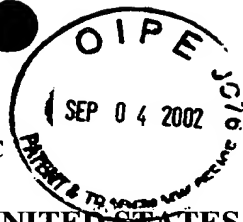


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahiro SAITOU, et al.

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EXAMINER: J. MERCADO

FILED: November 24, 1999

FOR: SEPARATOR OF PROTON EXCHANGE FUEL CELL AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a **TWO** month extension of time be granted to **September 15, 2002** for

- ☐ filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection was filed on July 15, 2002. We submit
- ☒ herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of **\$400.00** is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. **15-0030**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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